

# SENIOR LEADER BIOGRAPHY

Headquarters, United States European Command



## Colonel Brian R. Van Sickle

### U.S. European Command Chaplain

Chaplain (Colonel) Brian Van Sickle assumed duties as United States European Command Chaplain in spring 2009.

After serving as an enlisted sailor in the US Navy 1971-1975, Chaplain Van Sickle graduated from Chapman College in 1975 with a B.A. and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Divinity and was ordained by the Evangelical Free Church of America in 1979. Chaplain Van Sickle was commissioned a chaplain in July 1979 and entered the active duty Air Force in 1982. He finished a three year program in Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Elizabeth's Psychiatric Hospital in Washington, D.C., and completed Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Armed Forces Staff College.



He has served as a protestant chaplain at the wing, faculty at the Chaplain Service Institute, senior protestant chaplain at the US Air Force Academy, three times a wing chaplain and command chaplain for US Special Operations Command CENTCOM, US Special Operations Command, US Transportation Command, Pacific Air Forces and Air Mobility Command. In this capacity, he advises the Commander on all matters of religion, ethical concerns, morale and quality of life impacting assigned Command personnel. He sustains the operational capabilities of the chaplain service to ensure a fully mission-capable force committed to delivering world class ministry through the management and supervision of active, reserve and guard Chaplain Service personnel.

He holds various decorations and awards, including the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation and Achievement Medal.